

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

### **NOTICE OF HAZARDOUS WASTE STORAGE FACILITY DRAFT PERMIT**

Pursuant to 20 DCMR § 4703, the Department of Health, Environmental Health Administration, hereby gives notice that it has received an application dated June 30, 2003, under chapter 46 of the Hazardous Waste Regulations in Title 20 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations (DCMR), from the United States Naval Research Laboratory (NRL), to continue operations of a hazardous waste storage facility at 4555 Overlook Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. The facility is located in Ward 8, within the boundaries of ANC 8B.

The Hazardous Waste Division, Bureau of Hazardous Material and Toxic Substances, Environmental Health Administration, Department of Health, 51 N Street, NE, Third Floor, Washington, D.C. 20002, is processing the permit.

The permit applicant is the United States Naval Research Laboratory, 4555 Overlook Avenue, SW. The NRL is a research laboratory that conducts a broadly based research and advanced technology development program supporting future Navy and Marine Corps needs.

The Director of the Department of Health has prepared a draft permit pursuant to 20 DCMR § 4702.2 that would allow the NRL to continue storing specified hazardous wastes in containers, in a structure (Building 82), before transporting the wastes off-site for treatment and disposal. The draft permit contains terms and conditions designed to protect human health and the environment, including the following:

1. Only Building 82 may be used for the storage of hazardous waste. Only waste that the NRL generates is allowed;
2. The NRL must follow and document design and operation standards for waste handling, safety equipment, routine inspections, personnel training, and emergency procedures;
3. Only the pre-approved types and amounts of hazardous waste are permitted in Building 82. No explosives are allowed;
4. There can be no transportation of hazardous waste from the facility between the hours of 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.;
5. The NRL must prepare and implement a waste minimization plan to reduce the amount and toxicity of waste produced and stored at the facility; and
6. The permit term is not to exceed ten (10) years.

Copies of the permit application and the draft permit may be viewed at the Washington Highlands Branch Library, located at 115 Atlantic Street, SW, at South Capitol Street, SW.

Interested persons may obtain additional information, including a fact sheet, a copy of the application, and the draft permit, by contacting:

Mr. Nick Kauffman, Hazardous Waste Division, 51 N Street, NE, Third Floor, Washington, D.C. 20002, (202) 535-2305.

Any interested person may submit written comments on the draft permit, and may request a public hearing pursuant to 20 DCMR § 4704.1, by writing to the Department of Health, Office of the General Counsel, 825 North Capitol Street, NE, Fourth Floor, Washington, D.C. 20002, no later than forty-five (45) calendar days after publication of this notice in the *D.C. Register*. A request for a public hearing shall state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing. The Director will determine whether to hold a hearing, pursuant to § 4704.2, if he finds a significant degree of public interest in the draft permit or if a hearing might clarify one or more of the issues involved in the permit decision.